

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI
EASTERN DIVISION

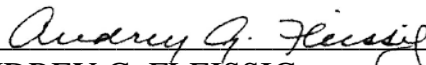
ALPHONSO EDUARDO GONZALES,)	
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Petitioner,)	
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vs.)	Case No. 4:15-CV-01790-AGF
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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,)	
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Respondent.)	

MEMORANDUM AND ORDER

This matter is before the Court on Petitioner's Motion for Appointment of Counsel (ECF No. 8). There is no constitutional right for a pro se habeas petitioner to have counsel appointed, although a court has discretion to appoint an attorney when necessary. *Morris v. Dormire*, 217 F.3d 556, 558 (8th Cir. 2000). Among the factors a court should consider in making this determination are the factual and legal complexity of the case, the ability of the petitioner to present the facts and present his claims, and the degree to which the petitioner and the court would benefit from such an appointment. *Id.* Upon review of the record, the Court does not believe that the appointment of counsel is necessary at this stage of the proceedings.

Accordingly,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Petitioner's Motion for Appointment of Counsel (ECF No. 8) is **DENIED**.



AUDREY G. FLEISSIG
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

Dated this 18th day of May, 2017